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ISSUE NUMBER FOUR

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Welcome to issue number four of the Activate zine. This issue has been a long time coming (over two years), but we haven't been doing nothing all this time. We given out thousands of copies of the zine, we usually have so many people wanting it we can't post them out fast enough.

Young people are treated like shit, and we're more committed than ever to fight this. The world is an unfair and horrible place, but this doesn't make us sad, it makes us fucking furious. Read the zine and you'll get what we mean.

Keep in contact, it'll be worth it. We have been working on giving further information on what we are about also. If our ideas interest you then we've got plenty to send you so that you can learn more. Just write, it's all free.

Anyway, like I said, here is the new edition. We hope you like it! Write soon!

Why is Activate done?

Activate is done as one way to fight back against the shit way young people are treated. The informal network of people who produce it are always looking for other ways to fight back as well. Everything from helping start something to supporting an existing fight. So if you need help or want to fight back now, then drop us a line. Activate want to hear your stories and opinions, so keep'em coming

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This issue is dedicated to comrade

Carlo Giuliani

Murdered by filthy fascist Italian cops

He died bravely, on his feet, fighting

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LETTERS

WE PRINT'EM COS YOU WRITE'EM

DO NOT CHALLENGE MY AUTHORITEY

Dear Activate,

I am in receipt of a letter addressed to my son ****, concerning your interest in promoting your philosophies in the form of stickers and a badly printed booklet labelled "Activate".

As a parent, my reaction to this kind of poorly written and edited piece of trash is one of disgust, and the only place for it to be distributed where it will have some meaningful effect on the country, is in the compost heap.

As an artist, it is not my policy to turn my back on things I see, no matter how distateful, and dismiss it without giving it some careful thought, so after some contemplation I have come to the conclusion that you are more to be pitied for your obvious lack of education and common sense, and are badly in need of some kind of counselling to sort out the bad experience in your life which has manifested itself into this kind of hatred. Pouring out this kind of hatred into teenage minds would be like pouring killer weed on the roses. The bloom soon fades and all that is left are the thorns. Since you seem to think you have the energy to change the world, I suggest you try using it in a more positive way, by finding a cause that is a bit more admirable, and therefore setting a good example that young people would be proud to follow, instead of being egotistical enough to think that your kind of philosophy is right. I agree there are lots of things that could do with changing but there are better ways of going about it.

Since your comprehension doesn't seem to extend beyond four letter words, I do hope that you understand that any further material of this nature that arrives in my garden will be duly distributed around the plants in my garden which will no doubt thrive on the bullshit contained therein. I hasten to add that I consider it would be of far more benefit to the country, if you were to save the amount of money that you are spending on postage and distribute it to some needy charity.

OUR REPLY

Concerned parent.

What gives this person the right to censor things that we're trying to send to someone else? How would they like it if someone went through their mail and destroyed anything they didn't agree with? Why shouldn't their son have the same right to think what he wants?

FUCK THE POLICE

Dear Activate

Lately I've been in a bit of shite with the cops. I got caught nicking UDLs out of the football club rooms with my best friend. What got me was, how nice they were after I chucked a teary. So, everybody when you cry you get out of (nearly) anything. Sure I got a caution for 5 years and yeah, I don't think I'll be stealing anything lately. But hey, I reckon the cops are suckers for crying girls. Sorry guys, if you cry you'll just look like sooks. So whip out the Kleenex and get tearing.

WHAT A BASTARD

Dear Activate

Hey how are you? I am crap. I'm in the worst mood. I'm sitting here in sickbay slowly going insane. My fuckwit history teacher saw me writing in class (an english essay) and tried to rip it out. I put my folder away and he started lecturing me about that. I stopped and started doing History crap, I then put my folder down (I was leaning on my knees) and he saw the essay (I don't have books - my work is just a mess of paper in my folder) - I had started working on the next sheet of fucken paper, as it was blank but once he saw it he grabbed my folder and ripped all of my work out (all subjects cus all the paper is put together) then he starts yelling and telling me if I wanna do that to get out so I'm dumbfounded (at first) then I got angry picked up all my shit and walked to the door, he then blocked it saying I wasn't going outside just after he had given the fucken option to go so I started screaming and then he (being the weak willed dickhead that he is) gave in and told me to sit outside and not write anything so I was like yeah . I sat down and then he went back into the room so I went and saw the computers teacher to see if I could change classes. Meanwhile he was telling the class (all my friends are in there) that I was pathetic and all this and that and that I was in 'big trouble' etc and how he was going to check if I was in sickbay yesterday (no I wasn't I went to vinnies and I went and bought noodles) ANYWAY now I'm in shit for English (for not handing in an overdue essay) and his class. FUCK I'm so pissed off. I fucken hate him.

Seriously I want to leave school but I don't think I could handle working. I hate all this fuct up shit. I've always felt that if things were bad they would get better

but they haven't. All these fucken years of school then I'm faced with all the years of work. What a great fucken life. I'm sick of all these stupid fuckers dictating everything. They have fucken stolen my mind and my personality. Really. I'm so fucked up because of all the shit around me. Every night I cry myself to sleep because I know that I have no future – nothing. I'm not the right smart or the right pretty. I'm not the right age or height, or weight. Nothing I do is ever right. I hate feeling this way because it's so pathetic (I don't even 'think' or 'feel' right) but THEY HAVE LED ME TO THIS. I hate where I am and I hate myself for letting me become this fucked up, letting myself become the victim.

THE PRODUCT IS YOU

Dear the 'Activate' people,

A few years back on a train headed to the west which was packed I was given a $120 fine. It wasn't because I didn't have a ticket, or have my feet on the seat, I wasn't even swearing or drinking alcohol. NO, I got my fine for not giving a seat to an adult and standing. Because I was riding with a concession ticket and not an adult ticket I was considered less of a customer and fined. Fined and forced to stand with the other younger people, when a 20 something patron took my seat. After reading Activate I wish I had've stayed put and told them all to fuck off. I was so shocked and intimidated I took the fine and paid it.

A lot of younger people don't know or realise they have rights and the police and elders take advantage of this fact. It's great that Activate is doing something about it.

Oh, I was just reading about people being paid $3 at McDonald's.

When I was 17 I worked for six months at Hungry Jack's. I was fired because I refused to wear make-up on the front counter. When I first got the job I signed a contract which stated the shades and colours I was allowed and not allowed to wear but the manager told me not to worry about it. I am allergic to most make-up types and I was told it was fine. While working there I was constantly thrown all the crappy jobs (cleaning, toilet duties, fries) so no one would see me. I was even told the reason I got those jobs was because I wasn't attractive enough.

I worked my arse off for them just to be treated like shit and fired because I was getting older and not attractive! Fuck that!

I can also remember that the managers would throw away any applications of people 18 and over.

[this would be because places like Hungry Jack's are allowed to pay people under 18 less money, so they often only hire young people and fire them when they turn 18]

You know what I am SICK of. The stereotype of women being seen as weaker than males. Whenever I try to make a stand or suggest something I'm always laughed at. Like at Hungry Jack's when I spoke to a manager about the unfair way another manager was treating me, he laughed. He must've thought his friend was some kind of big shot for treating me like crap. Being fired shortly after that was a blessing in disguise. I'm female and I feel strong, I feel that I deserve everything my equal gets and I can do it just as great as other females and males.

PS Oh god! I was just watching that show 'Beauty and the Beast'. You know that one where they all sit around and give their opinion. They were discussing some bullshit about how wrong it was for some book that's come out that tells young people of their rights and the police force. They all said garbage like that shouldn't be available and gives us 'ideas'! CRAP! Then the dickhead guy was saying that they need to give young kids fear of the police, fear of being caught in order for us not to create total chaos! It makes me so angry!

WE RULE!

To all,

Just a short note to say a big congrats to what you are doing...

It is about time that someone bothers about getting freedom for all the youth of today. Just because we haven't got years of experience doesn't mean that we don't know anything. We need our freedom of speech just like everyone else.

SPEAK UP FOR YOURSELF, NO ONE ELSE WILL

Hey Activate

Thanks for the cool stuff ie mag, condom, stickers. If you're pissing off the people you are then you're definitely doing something right. Hey, as to Lachlan comparing you to Rolling Stone [in the last issue...explain this?] he's not even close. Rather than Time Warner or whoever telling you what's cool you guys are doing your own things with your own voice. As different from each other as can be. Forget who's anarchist or redneck or whatever other label and just get on with it. Hey! It's fun!

Go Wild! Go the Hack!

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Dear Activate,

Hello! Hey thank you for the Activate 'zine and stickers! Both are very good (the best sticker was "schools are jails") and I can relate totally to your zine. If you like I'll hand out Activate to school and outside school friends – I think that there is a lot that your zine says that has been left unsaid for too long KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK also: I would

love to be kept up to date with anything you guys do, and I would appreciate it if you sent my any future copies of your zine. DON'T GIVE UP – there will always be more people to support you (I can think of a lot of kids at my skool that would love to hear about you).

OUR REPLY

There were a lot more letters like these two that we got – we didn't put them all in because though it'd make us feel good, it'd probably be a bit boring for everyone else. But if you like what we've got to say please write and say so – it makes a big difference to us to know that people are listening.

COPS AIN'T TOPS

The cops around here are becoming more menacing. I've been pulled in whilst just walking along the street three times in the past two weeks, but last time they stopped me 20 metres from my house. They asked where I lived and I said "right there" pointing to my house. They still weren't satisfied and I had to give ID etc. To a cop, I must look like their definition of 'criminal'. You have to keep a cool head when they're questioning you, which is hard because their "crime fighting" tactics piss me off so much! If you get smart to them, they'll club the fuck out of you or something so you have to pretend to be a dumbfuck who doesn't mind being harassed by walking shit. I don't see why you should have to give name/address with ID back-up when they pull you up, especially when they don't even go through your stuff. Maybe Victorian licence plates will change from VICTORIA – THE GARDEN STATE to VICTORIA – THE POLICE STATE!

ZINES AIN'T HARD TO DO

Dear Activate,

I picked up a copy of your second issue and I was very impressed, it echoed a lot of things I feel strongly about.

Firstly, I hate authority. Certain security guards always harass me, because of the way I look or dress or maybe because I don't like being told to fall into line...I definitely do not like being judged. One in particular tried to refuse me entry into a pub because he thought I was drunk. When I tried to defend myself from his accusations he thought I was trying to start something. He now has an opinion of me and always gives me shit. I doubt he cared if I was telling the truth, he probably had made up his mind about me when he first saw me. This is a familiar situation when dealing with any authority figures...no matter what you say, they will always you. It scares them when you don't conform.

I refuse to pay transport fares to support the rich, and if I get caught I was told a good reply is "I only have a fifty dollar note, the ticket window is closed and the machine wouldn't accept my money". In any case, you may be asked to purchase a ticket. But even so, you can usually sneak away without paying. Many stations do not have guards collecting tickets, especially on my line.

Government is the rich and I am losing money to make them richer every day. Like the hundred or more dollars I pay in taxes every week. And for what? So they can spend it on fucking flags and propaganda! Our country is run by capitalist pigs, the whole fucking world is filled with greed, and all the money goes to the rich to give them more power...it has to make the public angry, but they just take it. It's good to hear from people who do fight back, you are doing a great job. Stay strong.

FASCISM

Dear Activate

Is there something we can do to break this vicious circle of manipulation, double standards, power by money hungry apathetic pigs? My mother is a victim of their fascist views and believes the way to maintain a family is to control everyone. My mother could be a politician. I'm doing my HSC [Year 12 in New South Wales] and find it difficult to get to sleep in our small house before exams. A polite request is not answered with respect for fellow human beings, nor pleads nor desperate lecturing about my NEED for sleep. They tell me I'm selfish, so I tell them to 'fuck off'. I think I might continue with this rebellious behaviour, not to hurt my family, but to cause my mother to kick me out as threatened and therefore making me eligible for Austudy and some form of self-dependency making it easier for me to follow my heart's desires and pursue my own interest rather than other people's. I want to do a graphic design course I got a potential scholarship for, what am I to do? I'm not entirely sure of my direction. But my mother is not supportive of anything I want. Parents shouldn't hit their kids, my mother has a problem. She hits me. I swear one day she'll snap and kill me. I'm just hanging out till I leave home. My parents are fucked, they've proved to me before that they are petty. We all have long stories, thanks for hearing me out once again,

ANGRY

I would like to express my hatred towards the so called perfect people. People who have their days planned out and their mobile phones on so they can meet and have lunch and they don't give a fuck about the problems of others like RACISM, POVERTY and they think police bru-

tality is a myth. All they have to worry about is if they have enough money for a new laptop computer or whether their favorite TV show is on. They never get verbal or physical abuse because they're different, and that's because they're all fucking the same.

So if you have to have good looking people around you and you love it when people pay attention to you, I'd like to give you a big 'fuck off and die'.

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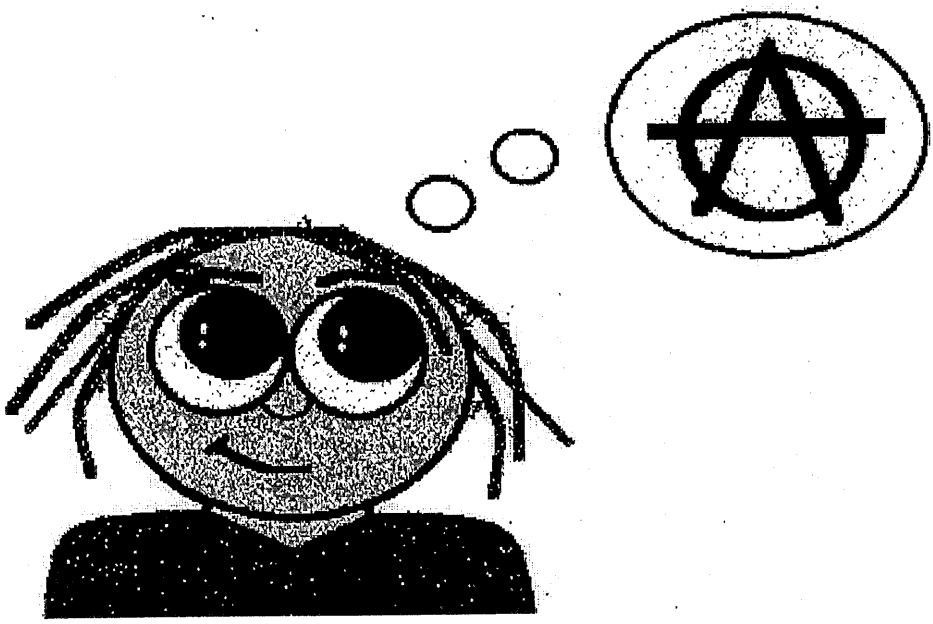

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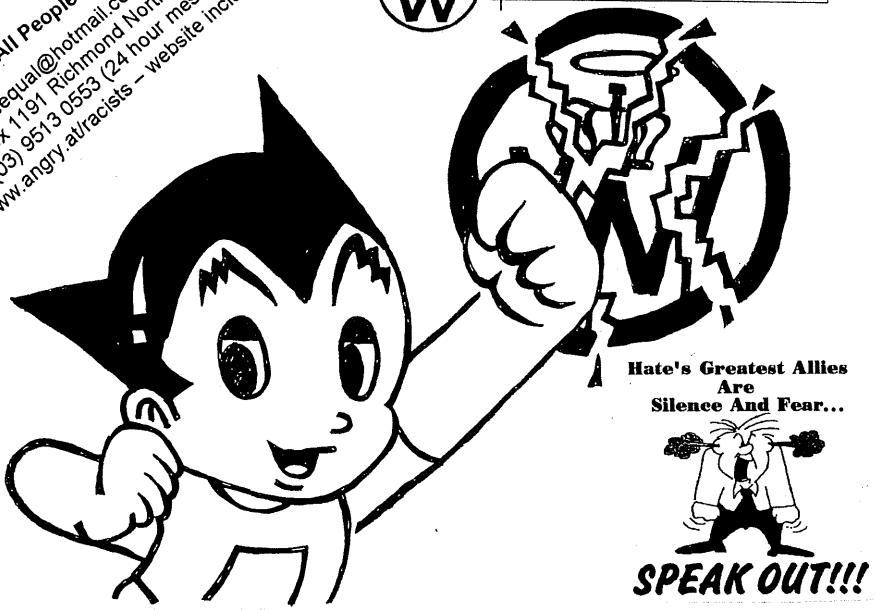
www.angry.at/racists – website includes free music mp3s and videos.

(some of the things in this issue of Activate come from a magazine they did).

World Church of the Creator (COTC) logo, stands for "Racial Loyalty" and White Supremacy



THE PEOPLE IN POWER SHIT ON US...

They've got a new threat (the school) for the smart people – if they play up and do shit in class they will be (quote) "dropped down into the dumb class – you don't want to go there. You'd be lucky if ½ the class could spell" (unquote). Lovely. *grrr* me being the nosy kiddy I am happened to hear this while attempting to borrow some textbooks ("why do you need a textbook, stupid" was asked. And they wonder why kid suicide rates are up. I now have a self esteem of about minus 5). I fucken hate school.

...AND THEN COMPLAIN THAT WE STINK

You are probably told that in this society everyone already is equal. You are probably told this by your school, parents, and so on. The people who tell you this, also think they have a right to tell you what to do. In other words, you aren't equal to them. When you act like you are equal to them, by not doing what they tell you, you usually find that they get you into trouble straight away.

As well as adults' power over children, people aren't equal in this society because of divisions like racism, sexism, and homophobia (hating gay people). The government won the last election purely by promoting racism against people from Arab countries, and especially against refugees - people who have to leave their home countries (because of war for example) and try to come to Australia.

In this society a very small number of people control most of the wealth, and have most of the power. This group includes people like John Howard and other politicians, and also the people who run big businesses. This means that when you leave school and get a job, you get away from being told what to do by parents and teachers - only to start being told what to do by bosses and managers. This is true even if you go on the dole.

All these different forms of discrimination are used by the people who run society, to keep everyone else divided and fighting amongst ourselves. The reason for this is simple - if we're divided amongst ourselves we don't offer any threat to them, and they can keep their wealth and power. Unfortunately this works pretty well. Most people in Australia approve of the government's racism against refugees for example.

We think that people deserve better than this. No one has the right to tell anyone else what to do. No one should be degraded or discriminated against. And life shouldn't be a never-ending series of different bosses. We think that the world would be better if everyone really was equal - if everyone had an equal say in things which effected them, if wealth was shared instead of being owned by a few powerful people, and if there was no discrimination.

We think that we won't get there until people reject the different kinds of division that are encouraged in society. We see our job as trying to show people that being anti-racist, for example, isn't just 'nice' or the right thing to do - it's also a step towards everyone uniting against the people who run society and make all our lives miserable.

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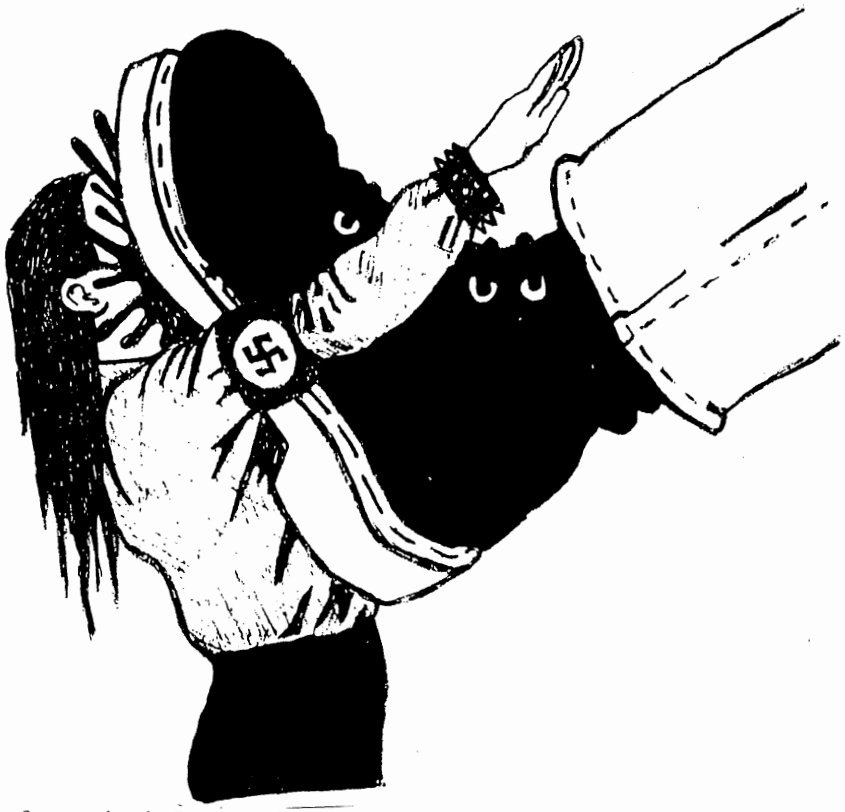
THE UNEMPLOYED



In a lot of countries in Europe, there are gangs of Nazis, who go around terrorising refugees. Refugees are people who have to leave their own country. Sometimes there's a war there. Sometimes the government there wants to kill them because of their race or religion. These people leave their own country, only to be put in danger from Nazis when they arrive.

In Australia refugees aren't in any danger from Nazis.

The reason for this is that the government tries to stop refugees living in Australia at all. The Navy patrols our waters trying to find their boats. They sometimes fire on them, or force them back out to sea. Sometimes they capture them and force them to live in camps on different Pacific islands. They pay an American company called ACM to run detention centres, where adults and children are treated like criminals for trying to live here. Some of these centres are put out in the desert, where no one can see what's happening to them. They also ban people filming in there or talking to the refugees.

So Australia doesn't have as many Nazis as Europe does - because in Australia the government does their job for them.

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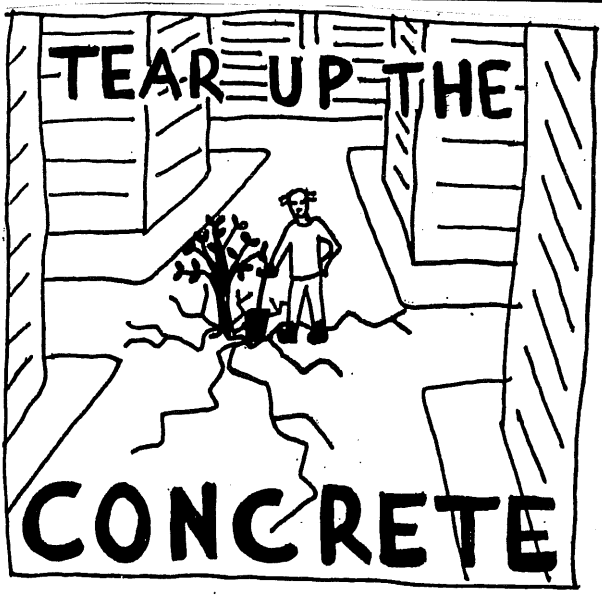

Governments suck

Why do a collection of people who've never been to your area get to make all the important decisions about it?

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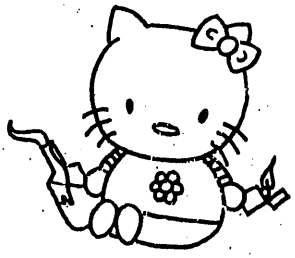

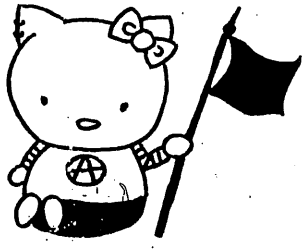

My little sister, who means the world to me, fell out of a lemon tree on to a brick and ended up in hospital. At first, my Dad took her to the medical centre and the stupid doctor said she'd be fine, that we should give her some pain-stop and send her to bed and she'll be fine in the morning. My parents could both clearly see that she wasn't 'fine' and that she was in a great deal of pain so within 15 minutes of being home from the medical centre Dad took her straight to the emergency ward of the hospital. I was stressing out SO MUCH. Anyway, she had to stay in hospital overnight as she'd broken, no, cracked two ribs, bruised two other ribs, and bruised her spleen.

(NOTE: The reason some doctors are like this is because there's two medical systems – the public one, which is paid for by people's taxes, and the private one, which you have to pay for yourself. Most people can't afford the private system. The public system is never given enough money by the government – who can all afford the private system).

Governments and rich people encourage white people to blame other races for their problems. It isn't Aboriginals and Asians making all the decisions – it's politicians (mostly white), being prompted by their rich friends (of all races).

RACISM

Racism, the idea that there are races within the human race, and that there is a superior race out of these races, is flawed and untrue. People who support the idea of different races within the human race have tried for years and years to separate the human race into different categories or separate races, and have failed over and over. They tried through blood types, skull sizes, physical and mental characteristics and so on. Racism ignores the fact that we are all human - that we all eat, drink and breathe in the same way. It tries to break us up into specific groups over things like skin, hair and eye colours - none of which make any sense. The so-called 'white race' has people with all different shades of skin (except that no one really has white skin), all different hair colours, all different eye colours...the same for all the other supposed races (look at all the different shades of skin that can be called 'black').

People from any 'race' can have children with people from any other 'race', because we are all descended from the same ancestors. We are all really one race.

Racists also try and distinguish between different groups of people based on the way they act, or the kind of societies they have. But people from any background can live in any kind of society. A person from Europe could go and live in Africa just like a person from Africa could come and live in Europe.

While we are all members of the human race and have just as much ability to think and act in the same way, we also have the ability to think and act independently and differently to one another. Though there are people who would beg to differ and have us all thinking and acting the way they would like for their personal benefit...these people are the people with power (authority). In society today these people live a life of luxury at the expense of everyone else who has to work and toil just to make a living. These people are the government, corporations, church, police army and so on. These people impose, dictate, what they want you to do, believe, submit to...If this is not carried out these people will threaten and even carry out violence towards you, sometimes kill you. Though doesn't apply to the church any more but in Medieval times royalty and the church used to call people who didn't believe in God witches and burn them at the stake.

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These days the privileged or ruling class, the people with power or authority, like to create infighting between the people who are ruled - the working class - so they are easier to rule. These people use racism, sexism, homophobia and so on. This is called 'divide and rule'. How they do it is they say that a particular type of person is superior or privileged, this creates tension between the two groups and makes it easier for the rulers (politicians and bosses) to impose themselves on both groups. As the working class are too busy fighting among themselves as to who's superior under the ruling class, instead of fighting their real enemy, the ruling class.

By now you're probably wondering if this is true, what's an alternative to this? Well, I have an idea of an alternative to this, it's called anarchism. Anarchism is a vision of a free society without government, companies, or the church. Where racism, sexism and homophobia are frowned upon and not tolerated. Where everybody can enjoy and share their luxuries of their work and not have it stolen from them by bosses and government. Where everybody's free to decide what goes on in their lives and communities and not have it dictated to them by some person, group, or party.

Anarchy (or to use another word which means the same thing, 'autonomy') means the ability to make your own decisions about what to do rather than be influenced by someone else or told what to do. Which basically means freedom of thought or action, the only restriction would be that you respected another's freedom of thought and action. Anarchism brings that to a vision of society, which is based on freedom and equality for all.

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steps to combating hate

Its good to be against racism, sexism, homophobia and all those other 'isms and phobias, but there's not much point just being against them, unless you do something about them.

1– Check your head, watch your mouth :

"Those types.", "Your people." We all use terms that are offensive and demeaning to groups of people. We throw around loaded terms like "race" without really thinking about we mean. A big part of being against hate is having the guts to look at how you think and what you say. Because some terms and phrases are demeaning to people, and make you look stupid when you use them. Try to start by taking a good look at the way you see, think, experience and relate to others.

2– Prejudiced jokes suck :

Racist, sexist and homophobic jokes aren't harmless fun. They reinforce stereotypes about others. These jokes just reinforce the feeling that their targets are not included in "normal" society. That's called harassment. Don't tell these jokes and confront others when they do.

3– Don't deny differences, but don't exaggerate them :

"When I look at you I don't see your color." It's a nice thought, but people are different from each other and for a lot of people this is something to be treasured. If you deny what is important to them about themselves, you can hurt them, without meaning to, while underlining your status and standards as "normal". But don't go to far in the other direction too, like blurting out "Where did you come from?", the minute you meet someone a little different to you. This can exaggerate differences and inflate exclusion of people. Try to keep things in perspective.

4– Learn:

Prejudice is all in your head. Take some classes or read a book on history of race relations, feminism or gay rights. Learn another language. You'll be amazed at how much this changes how you see people and relate to them! By improving your knowledge of immigration, multiculturalism, racism, sexism and homophobia, or by learning how to communicate with people from other cultures, you improve yourself and make yourself a better fighter in the struggle against hate.

5– Watch what you're teaching :

Younger kids can really look up to you and imitate you. If you show them that being around different kinds of people is normal, they will accept that as part of their world. Read them stories with positive role models of different backgrounds. Introduce them to different kinds of foods, music, dance, art. And talk TO them, not AT them!

6– Don't let it go :

Racist, sexist and homophobic actions need to be confronted, or else your saying its ok. Sometimes direct confrontation is what is needed. But usually in day to day life, talking to the offending in private, 1 on 1, and with respect will get more positive results. Use your head to decide what kind of confrontation is needed for any situation.

7– If something happens, don't stay silent :

If something bad happens to you, tell your friends, tell your family, tell your classmates, tell your workmates, tell your teachers, tell your boss, tell as many people

as you can what happened. Maybe the same thing has happened to them, or maybe they can help you or just back you up. If you find out something bad has happened to someone you know, let them know you are there for them. Don't act on their behalf. Let them decide what they want to do and let them tell you how you can help, but be sure that they know that you want to help.

8– If your against hate, show it :

Wear an anti racist, anti sexist or anti homophobic badge, patch or t-shirt. Put up stickers or posters against hate. This tells everyone you see that youre committed to a free world without you having to say a word. It also lets racists, sexist homophobes and other haters they're not welcome.

9– Put yourself in someone else's shoes :

Try to bridge differences by being open minded. Challenge your way of thinking by becoming involved in cultural organizations, immigrant support groups, or anti-hate groups. There's a million different things you can do to learn more about the world of people a little different to you.

10– Actions speak louder than words, so do something :

Put your anti-hate beliefs into practice. Attend activates, actions and demos in support of other anti-hate issues. Or organize your own. If you get involved, you not only support others morally in the fight against hate, you send a clear message that your community is committed to fighting prejudice.

11– Travel :

The world is a big place, so go experience it! Live in other places with other people different from you and from the people you've known. You'll learn more about yourself and how things work than if you stayed in your little world of the safe and familiar.

12– Make new friends :

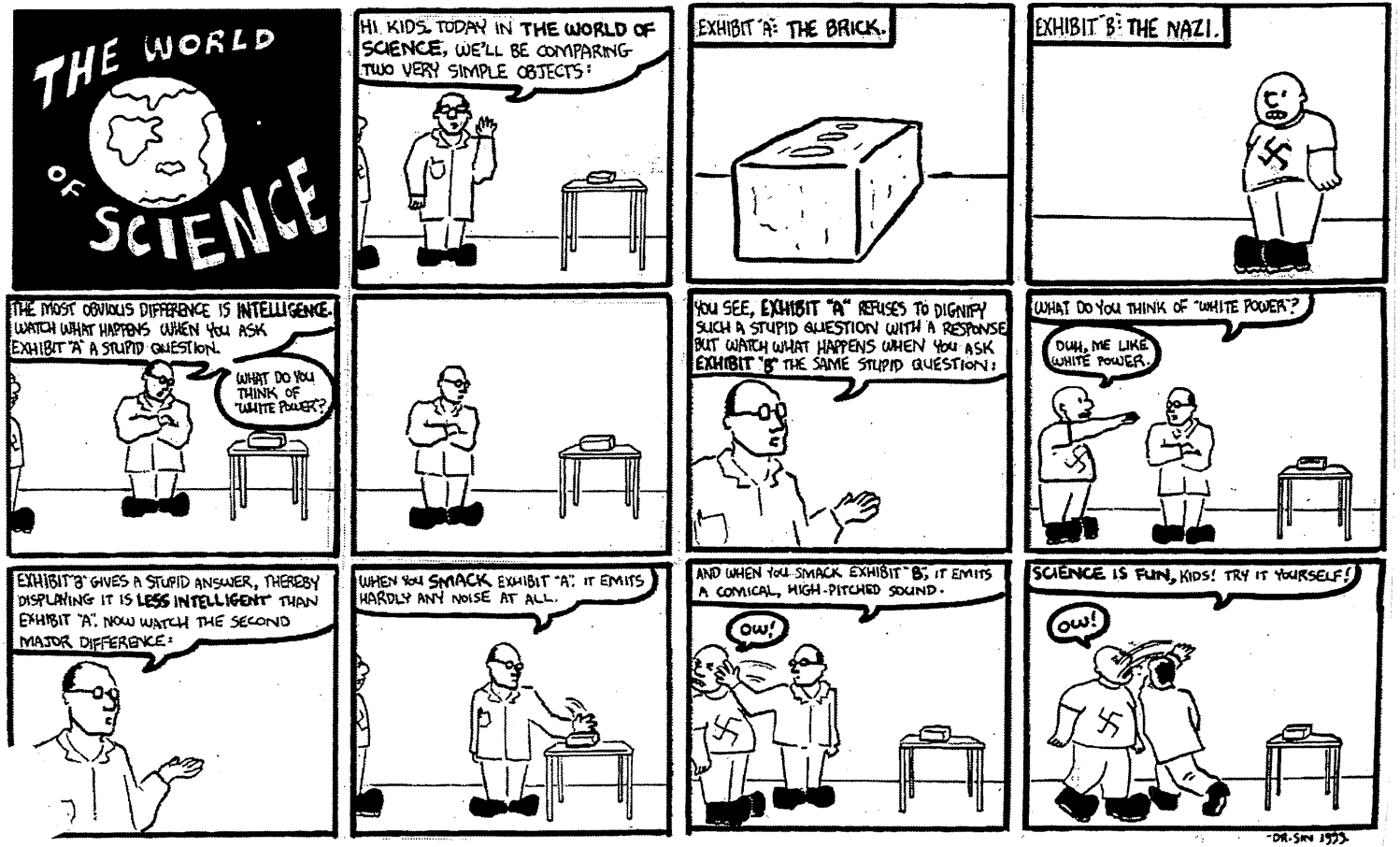
Society tries to keep us from really getting to know people that are different from us; don't let it! Make an effort to make friends with people who look different, talk different and act different to you. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

13– Make your money talk :

Never under estimate the power of the dollar. Boycott places that are known to be racist, sexist or homophobic. Encourage other people to do the same thing. Above all, tell the place you're boycotting why you aren't giving them your money; otherwise they may never get the message. While your at it, use your money to make your community a better place. Don't be shy about donating to or raising money for causes you support that fight hate or promote the kind of fun and diverse society you want to live in.

14- Let the whole world know:

Stand up against hate. Challenge racists. Confront sexists. Oppose homophobes. Expose haters. Tell people. Write a letter to the paper. Make posters and put them up. Record a song. Let everyone know where you stand. Add your fight for justice and diversity and harmony and fun.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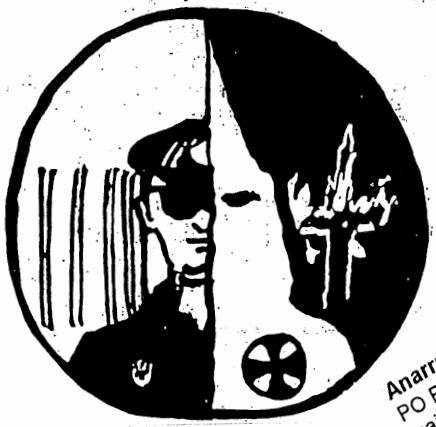
HI KIDS. TODAY IN THE WORLD OF SCIENCE, WE'LL BE COMPARING TWO VERY SIMPLE OBJECTS:
EXHIBIT "A": THE BRICK.
EXHIBIT "B": THE NAZI.
THE MOST OBVIOUS DIFFERENCE IS INTELLIGENCE. WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ASK EXHIBIT "A" A STUPID QUESTION.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF "WHITE POWER"?
YOU SEE, EXHIBIT "A" REFUSES TO DIGNIFY SUCH A STUPID QUESTION WITH A RESPONSE BUT WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ASK EXHIBIT "B" THE SAME STUPID QUESTION:
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF "WHITE POWER"?
DUH, ME LIKE WHITE POWER.
EXHIBIT "B" GIVES A STUPID ANSWER, THEREBY DISPLAYING IT IS LESS INTELLIGENT THAN EXHIBIT "A". NOW WATCH THE SECOND MAJOR DIFFERENCE:
WHEN YOU SMACK EXHIBIT "A", IT EMITS HARDLY ANY NOISE AT ALL.
AND WHEN YOU SMACK EXHIBIT "B", IT EMITS A COMICAL, HIGH-PITCHED SOUND.
OW!
SCIENCE IS FUN, KIDS! TRY IT YOURSELF!
OW!
-DR. SIN 1993

Earlier on in the hols I heard Mum talking about one of her lovely cop buddies and how he deals with kids who give him mouth. For example, one kid called him a pig or something, so he decides to teach him a lesson. He didn't arrest him or anything, but locked him in the back of the patrol car on this stinking hot day with the air conditioning off and the windows up. So, the cop went off for coffee or something with his friends, and leaves the kid in the heat for an hour. When he comes back, the kid was justifiably pissed off, and gives the cop mouth again, so he's left there for longer. When he was eventually let out the cop's only comment was that it'd take ages to get the smell out of his car. The sickest thing is that as Mum was telling this she was laughing. I'm like 'why don't you report him or something, he's not allowed to do that', but she thought it was this big joke. Charming.

"Another group of monster teenagers shot up their school today, What makes them do it? Video games? Marilyn Manson? Oh, it can't be the parents, or the fact that school sucks, or that the jocks get patted on the head every time they beat up the weirdos and the jobs you get once you graduate from school are stupid, boring, meaningless, and a dead end to insanity!"
Jello Biafra.

BLUE BY DAY, WHITE BY NIGHT



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stop homophobia

a lesbian reported being sexually assaulted by a female officer while being searched, the officer making it "very clear that this was because I was a lesbian, and none of the other women she searched were assaulted"

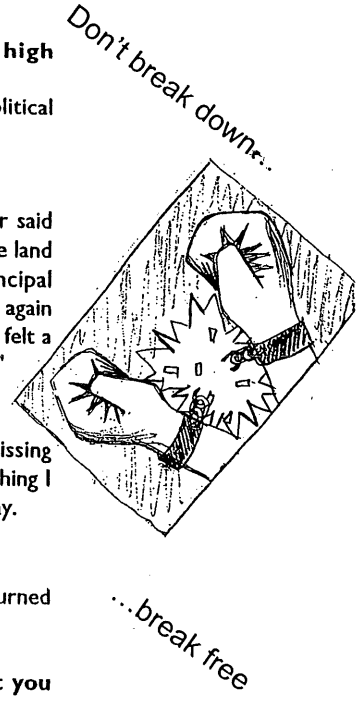
One man was bashed by police on two occasions. A teetotaller, he was arrested for being drunk and disorderly in 1984 ('drunk and disorderly' is a catch-all crime often used against lesbians and gay men, it seems). He was "taken to the police station and abused and bashed for 4 hours". In 1988, the Federal Police, searching for drugs, "almost destroyed my flat and bashed me in the process, with all the usual insults like fucking poof,etc. I was found innocent. They had the wrong flat number. Of course, nothing happened to them."

Katie Sierra is a 15-year-old anarchist who lives in Sissonville, West Virginia. She recently made international news after her high school suspended her for wearing a t-shirt critical of the war in Afghanistan, as well as for her efforts in organizing a student anarchy club at the school.

Infoshop.org: Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?
Katie Sierra: Let's see..my name is Katie. I am a former student from Sissonville High School. I'm a 15-year-old 10th grader. In my spare time I go to shows, read, and write poetry.

Infoshop: Why did you get suspended from your high school?
KS: I was suspended for wearing a t-shirt that spoke of political views. Also, for having possession of the flyers in my purse.

Infoshop: What did your T-shirt say?
KS: Well, there's more than one. The one I got suspended for said "Racism, Sexism, Homophobia..I'm so proud of the people in the land of the so called "Free". Then the next week after my principal allowed me to wear them again...and then made me take it off again said "When I saw the dead and dying Afghani children on TV, I felt a newly recovered sense of national security. God Bless America."



Infoshop: What happened in court?
KS: Besides staring at Mr. Mann's strange comb-over and missing thumb lol. I didn't win. I don't really know why. At least everything I said was factual, but everything Mann said was opinion or hearsay.

Infoshop: Are you appealing the judge's decision?
KS: Yes, we'll be going to court uhhh...Jan. 25. State Supreme turned it down...but I'm not giving up!

How do you feel about the authorities telling you that you have no rights?
KS: It makes me feel like total crap. I mean I think it's crazy. Everyone else in that school can say how they feel towards certain things, unless you have something no one agrees with. I just don't think that is fair. If I could go back to school for a day. I think I'd probably. wear duck tape over my mouth with "I have no rights" printed on the front. lol I think that might be quite humorous.

Why did you decide to start an anarchy club? Are other students interested in joining it? (CONTINUED OVER PAGE...)

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KS: I think we were pretty much a group already. I mean I know we were a group. At the time we didn't have a name. And there isn't anything for us to join at SHS. So I was thinking since we are all interesting in Anarchy and whatnot things it would be a good idea. I read about it on Infoshop...that's how the idea popped into my head. Yeah, there was about 15-20 people who wanted to join.

If your club existed, what kind of projects would the club be working on?

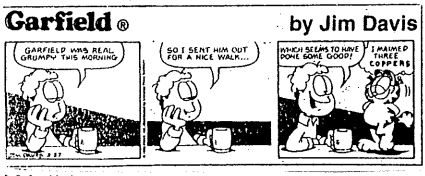
KS: It was mostly for us to learn and discuss things. We had somewhat started a zine--it isn't really finished. We were going to work in some soup kitchens on the weekend. Just a lot of different things. Have people come speak. Possibly a Food not Bombs group.

Tell us about the zine you were working on?

KS: It was going to be called the Anny. There was four of us working on it. We were only going to print no more than 30 copies of it. Honestly, we didn't want anyone besides people in our uhh "freak/punk" to know about it. It was going to be about things that happen in our school, city, state, country, world...blah blah blah and how we felt. The 1st copy was never finished so I'm sure there would have been more.

When and how did you first become interested in radical politics?

KS: I don't really know. I mean I think I've always been pretty interested. It might have been my friends. Most of them are older than me and I guess I just learned a lot from them. (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE...)


Garfield ®
by Jim Davis
GARFIELD WAS REAL GRUMPY THIS MORNING
SO I SENT HIM OUT FOR A NICE WALK...
WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE DONE SOME GOOD!
I MAIMED THREE COPPERS

Walking along the street with my friends, one of my friends kicked an empty beer bottle on the road and it smashed. The cops pull up in a van and block our way out. One says 'who's gonna clean up the glass? You were all kicking it?' (this is untrue, there was about 11 of us and one kicked it).

Three of my friends cleaned it up and their names had to be taken. The names Anthony Kiedis, Michael Balzary and Chad Smith were given to the cops: in case you don't know, that's the names of the Red Hot Chili Peppers!

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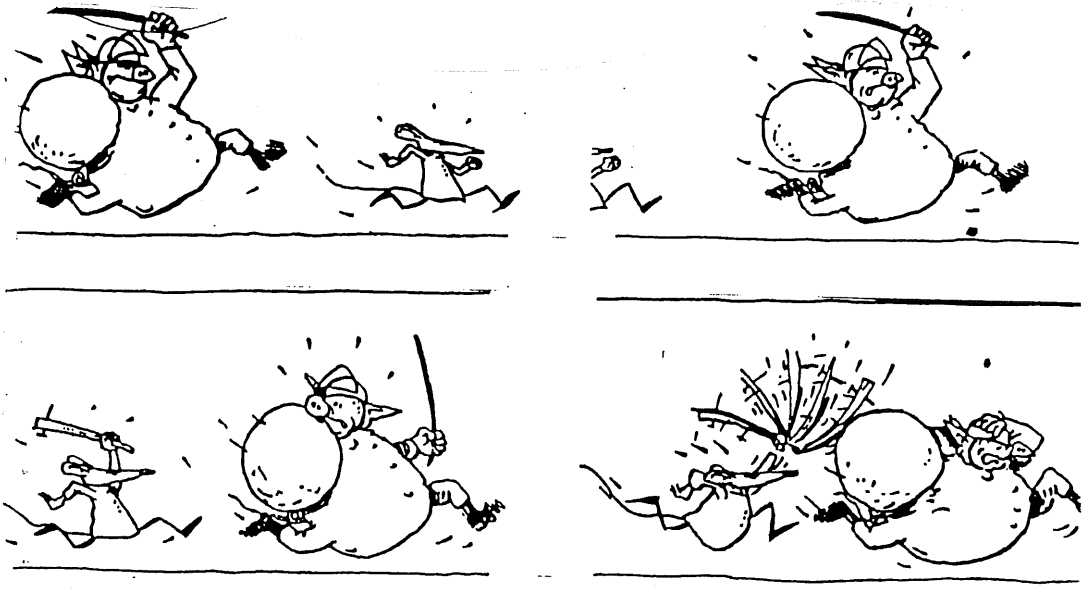
What's your opinion on the current war?
KS: As like any war I think it's wrong. I don't believe in fighting and last time I checked war is included. I don't know or have an answer for the war, but I do know that killing people is not right. I think our country is just to lazy to think of another solution.

What kinds of things are your classmates saying about the war?
KS: See they don't even know what their talking about most of the time. Most of the things they say are just cruel about how they want to kill out the whole country. And how they are supporters of bombing. How they should stop sending food packets out there.

Now that your mother has pulled you out of school, what kind of things are you studying at home?
KS: History, English, Career, and Science. It's quite funny to now know and realize how much bull crap they're feeding you in schools lol.

What lessons have you learned from this, that you'd like to share with teenagers in similar situations?
KS: I've learned that this country is crap...actually I already knew that. I've learned that school systems are crap. Wait! I knew that too. I guess I've learned that this country and school systems are more crappy than ever and they suck. I guess I've also learned not to give up. And to stand up for what you believe in no matter what it is. It's okay to think differently, its normal. Don't let anyone run over you because of your beliefs.



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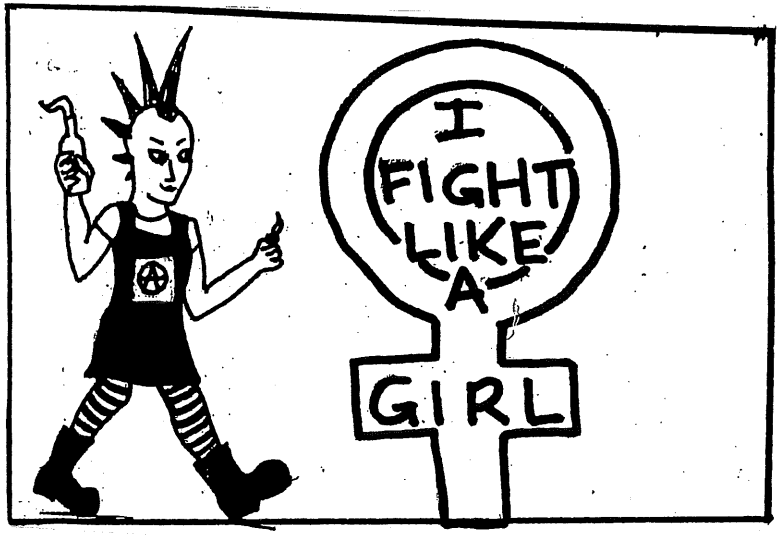
Businesses fill the world with whatever messages they want. This is called advertising and it's legal. When someone writes a message against them, it's called vandalism and it's illegal. Go for it.

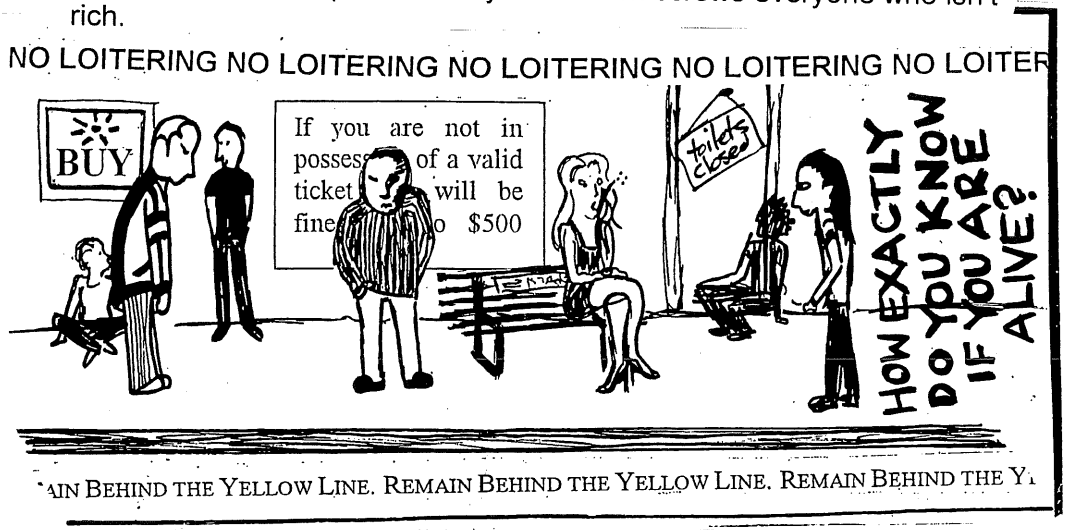


I can't walk down the street without some greasy, slimy male (and even a few females) saying some sleazy comment or trying to grab me. One day I almost cried because of it. I was walking home from the local shipping mall where I had an interview, wearing a nice summer dress that wasn't too short, too tight or too obscene, and EVERY guy that went past just gaped at me. It was horrible. Two guys and one woman even shouted out some rather disgusting obscenities. I was so shocked. What is the world coming to when a person, male or female, can't walk down the street without being treated like an object. It sux.

Never believe the TV stations and newspapers. They are all owned by rich bosses or by the government. They tell people to hate and reject anyone who stands up for themselves, their community, or the environment.

I wanna talk about how kids are treated as fuckin second class citizens just because of their age. I mean isn't democracy based on equality? Then why is everyone from police to teachers allowed to kick us around like a piece of dog shit!

We have no freedom of assembly (police breaking up groups of kids with a right to be there). No freedom of appeal (unless your parents speak on your behalf) and if a kid is on the witness stand or complains in school, the authorities have every right to ignore their testimony. It's pretty easy to see that the ones who make up these rules are the ones in power (ie the rich) and is another part of the system which screws everyone who isn't rich.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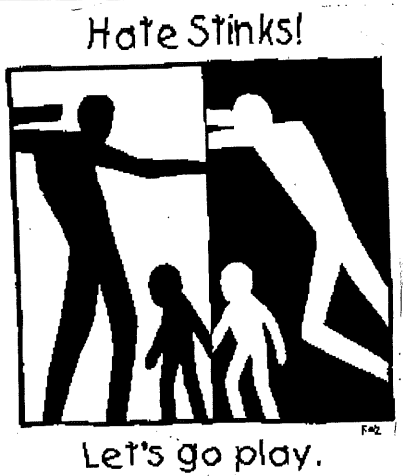

How are cops meant to help victims of child abuse – when cops are here to keep the status quo, and child abuse is acceptable (even though they want us to think it won't be tolerated). I think the worst thing about child abuse though is that the kid thinks and beings to believe that they deserve it – because they're naughty. For example, I know this kid in primary school who'd often turn up to school with bruises, and he said that his Dad beat him with a belt because he needed disciplining. And he actually said it was right of his Dad to hit him, cuz kids need disciplining! This from the mouth of a ten year old – he must've thought that everyone's parents went at them with a belt. So he'll treat his kids that way too. It's so fucked up beyond belief. He was the only kid that I knew whose parents beat him regularly. He was also the most 'unstable' – wonder if there was a connection?

"Cops hate skaters. I guess because they think we mess up the curbs and everything. You really can't crack a curb with a board. I mean, it's wood on cement."

— Frank Campbell, 15

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Democracy means equal rights for everyone. John Howard always talks to big business people like Kerry Packer. Try inviting John Howard to your house for dinner and a chat about how you'd like things to be done.

So I'm out past Shepparton doing a spot of fruit picking after finishing high school. It's underpaid shithouse work, but it offers a young school leaver some independence outside of the big city. Also, fruit fiends like myself get to consume an abundance of apricots until they flow freely and unexpectedly.

All of us pickin scum are housed in caravans behind the local milkbar. The 'scum' consisted of young people, travellers, weekend workers, passers-thru, and by and large ex-prisoners, who could get work nowhere else. One of these ex-cons, who I will call 'FUCK', prided himself on stories of what a magnificent bar room gladiator he was, and how when in the bush with a gun and his dogs his stealth and skill caused him to become one with mother nature.. And he <u>always</u> took two ferocious pigs home in the <u>UTE</u>.

Now I like utes, pub brawls and playing RAMBO as much as the next guy. It's just that the way that FUCK went on you'd think he'd invented the <u>UTE</u>, trained Jeff Fenech and lived in a cave with trained mountain cats and snakes.

Anyway, he's got these two huge pig dogs which he used to take delight in starving and beating the shit out of. To keep them <u>tough</u> and <u>alert</u>. They were the most gentle, loving dogs when FUCK wasn't around. A three second scratch under the ear earnt a twenty minute tongue bath. A biscuit bought you a look of genuine thanks, and a piece of meat, a promise of love and lifelong protection.

When FUCK would deliver an unmotivated bashing, everyone present would stare with hate, yet remain quiet. Until one night when one of the ex cons stole FUCK's breakfast bacon.

I was having a morning coffee and ciggie when a bloodcurdling yell caused me to defy gravity. An enraged FUCK charged out of his caravan, almost tearing the door off its hinges in the process. His lips wee as twisted as his eyes when he picked up the shovel.

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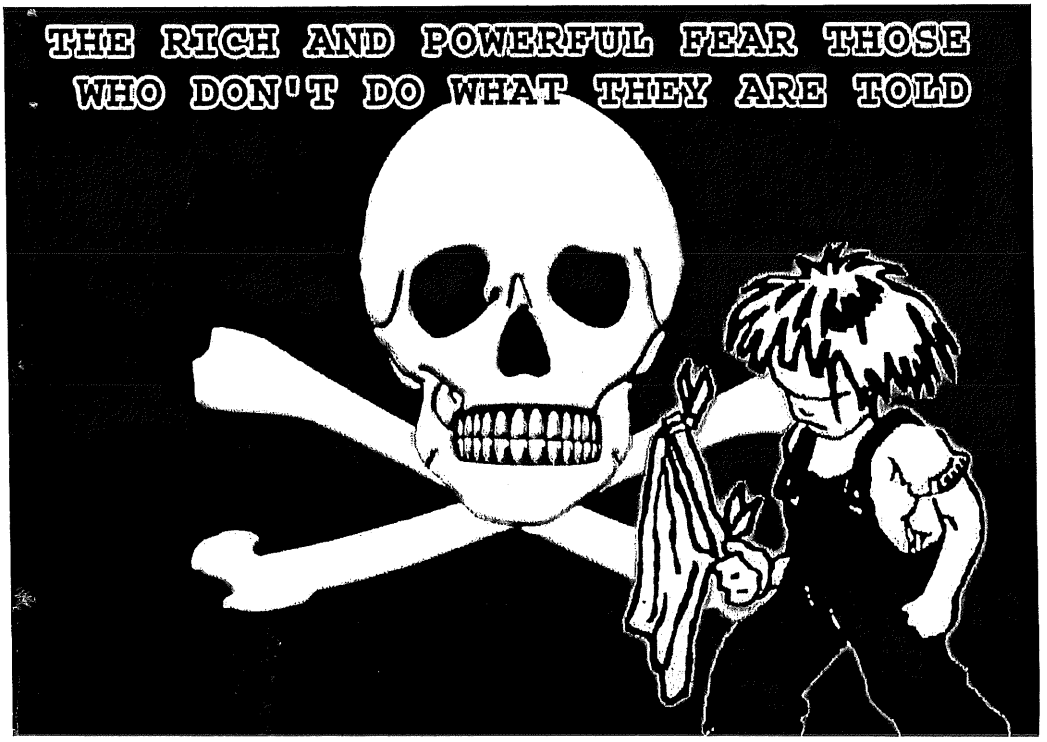
His knuckles were as white as his face was red, as it.
terrifying arch.
PPPRRRIIICCCKK!!!
His snout bled as his tail hid.
FFFUUUCCCKKKEER!!!
His throat screamed as his master took off one of his toes with the shovel's blade.
My adrenaline pumped off the scale, and my face burnt blood red as I stood up. I stood up. I stood up.
FUCK didn't see the fist that knocked him down. He didn't see the chair that splinted over his back. With his pathetic face buried in his hands he wouldn't have noticed me picking up the shovel.
And I would have smashed my rage out of the back of his loser skull if not for one thing. The barely conscious bleeding dog that was biting weakly at my leg.
Well, I picked up my shit, limped down to the Hume Highway and stuck my thumb out. An hour later as I looked out the window of the Ford I was in, I laughed at the thought of that dog's loyalty. I laughed at this dog who defends a man who tortures him. I laughed at the dog who defends the man who starves him. I laughed at the dog who is loyal and defends a piece of shit coward who deformed him with a shovel. I laughed at the dog who is unfairly ignorant of the fact that he will probably die fucking horribly in a fight with another dog, because the man he defends bet another that his dog was tougher. I laugh. I laugh out loud. And then I cry like a baby.

"RACISM NEVER ENTERED INTO CRADLE OF FILTH.
NO WAY. ITS A POINTLESS PURSUIT"
dani from cradle of filth

There is nothing stupider than a racist who listens to metal - music which was originally based on black blues. Unless it's a racist who listens to punk - music which was based on rock n roll, which was based on blues, white country, and pop music by Jewish songwriters. Racists who listen to ska (based on punk and on Jamaican music) are pretty stupid as well. All types of dance music come from black styles like funk. 'Pure white music' would basically be bush dances. And wouldn't that fuckin go off.



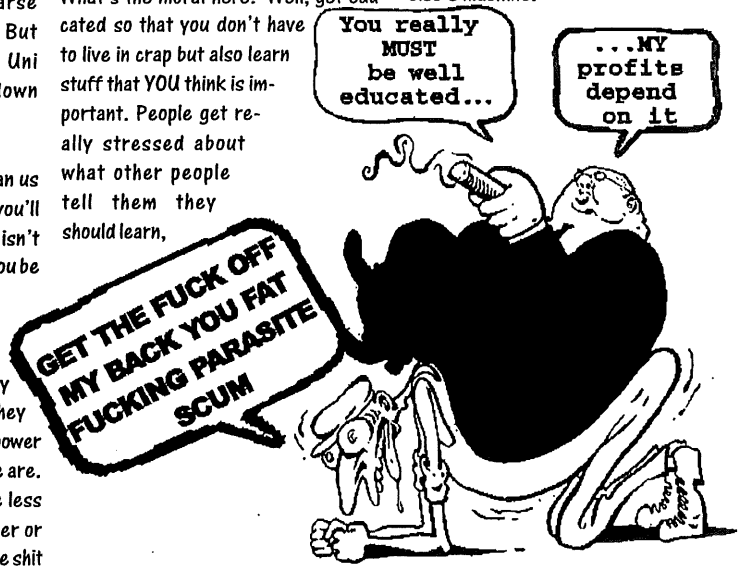
Ever wondered why education is REALLY important?

Don't get me wrong, if you didn't learn stuff then you'd still have people wiping you arse and you'd be bored shitless. But why is the pressure to go to Uni and stuff always stuffed down our throats?

Mostly it is because those older than us know that if you aren't educated you'll get a shit job which pays little and isn't really stimulating. But why should you be treated like shit at all.

Those in power and the rich compete against each other but they don't do any of the real work. They employ people, and they know their power is linked to how smart these people are. If you're not educated then you're less likely to be able to make them richer or more powerful and therefore you are shit to them.

What's the moral here? Well, get educated so that you don't have to live in crap but also learn stuff that YOU think is important. People get really stressed about what other people tell them they should learn, but really these people are just telling them they should be cogs in someone else's machine.



HYPOCRITES IN HIGH PLACES

Most prisoners are victims of child abuse. Child abuse is one of the main causes of crime. There are things the government could do to stop child abuse, but they aren't interested in doing any of them.

80 percent of prisoners are victims of child abuse. A lot of people think they weren't abused even though they were. For example someone whose parents always told them they were useless might say they weren't abused, because they weren't physically hurt. Or someone whose parents hit them all the time might say they weren't abused because there wasn't any incest. Even people who were sexually abused might not think they were abused - perhaps because their parents lied to them and said it was their own fault.

Anyone whose parents regularly hit them was abused - even if the parents said it was because they deserved it, or because 'kids need discipline', or any other excuse. Anyone whose parents regularly told them they were useless or ugly or stupid was abused - even if the parents were 'only joking' or 'under a lot of pressure'. Anyone whose parents had any kind of sexual contact with them was abused - whatever excuse they came up with. And anyone who was frightened of their parents for any reason was abused. Some of this might seem obvious, but it needs to be said.

The connection between child abuse and crime is pretty obvious. Take someone who's been hit, or raped, or made to feel unloved or frightened or worthless. Someone who was totally helpless, at the mercy of the people who were doing it to them. Someone who was forced to cover up what was happening. And someone who was probably conned into thinking it was their own fault. Someone who was then put in a society where there's no one to help them, where no one really wants to know about child abuse, where people are expected to just 'grow up', 'be a man', 'stop whingeing'...someone weighed down with a lifetime of pain and anger who's expected to bottle it up and keep quiet about it and not be hurt by it. No wonder people strike out! No wonder there's violent crime.

The government always talks about how they want to reduce crime. So, since child abuse is a major cause of crime, what are they doing about it? The short answer is bugger all. For example the Kid's Help Line is a phone number kids can call to get help with their problems. It's so short of money that they can only answer half the calls they get.

The federal government has also made it a lot harder for people under 18 to get money from the government. Of course this means that it's harder for people to survive without their parents. And so the government forces many victims of child abuse to stay with their abusers.

Most child abuse victims don't get any help with coping with what happened to them. Kids who write to me say that school counsellors are totally useless. Psychiatrists who see people on Medicare often don't do anything but give them anti-depressants. Rich people are the only ones who can afford to get real help. They can afford to pay therapists enough that they'll actually listen to them. They can take a holiday when things get too much. They're the only ones that can get the help that everyone has a right to. The rest of us have nothing but blotting out the pain with alcohol and drugs, and taking it out on other people.

This is one reason why rich people aren't going to end up in jail: they can get help with their problems. And, when people strike out, rich people are almost never the victims. How much street crime is in rich areas? Almost none. So it isn't surprising that the people in power do nothing to stop child abuse. They'd have to care about the rest of us. And so people who should be helped end up thrown in jail.

Even if the government won't stop child abuse, that doesn't

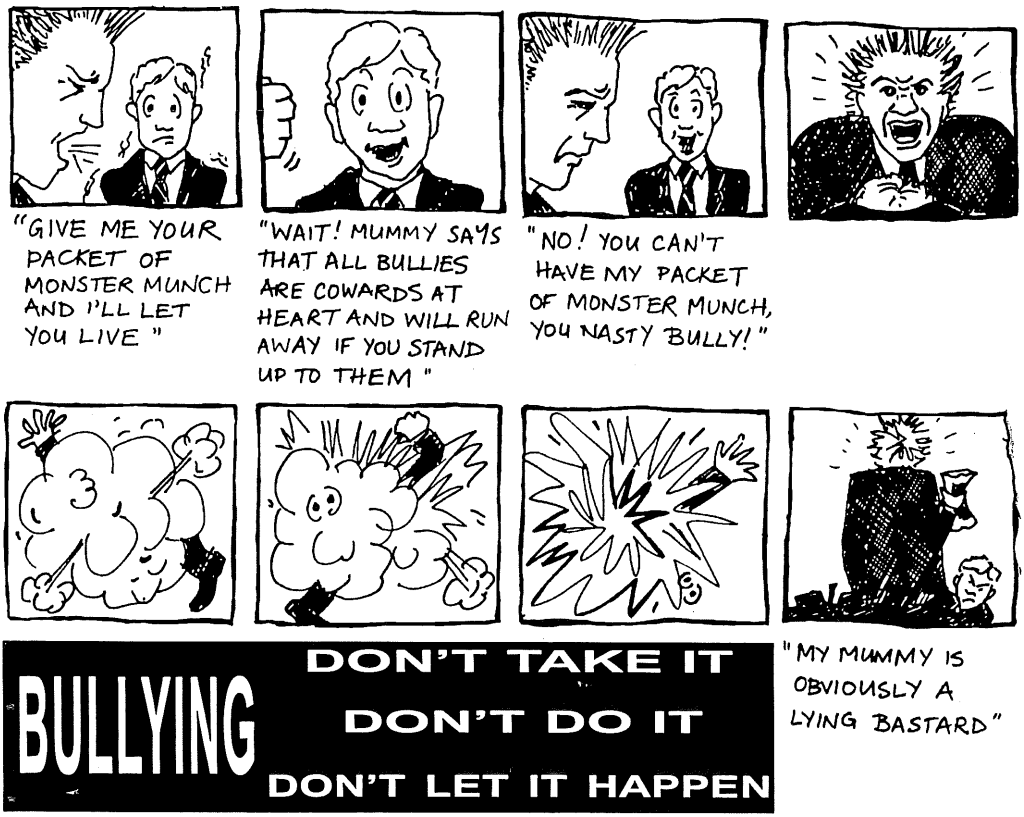
explain what causes it in the first place. One obvious answer is the way the family unit is set up. Parents are legally allowed to 'discipline' their children - children are the only group who can legally be assaulted. In fact parents are told they need to do this - that their children will be 'spoiled' if they aren't kept in line. Children aren't allowed any freedom from their parents' control. There's no way for a child to have any independence from an abusive parent.

None of this is natural - it doesn't have to be this way. In a lot of cultures children are raised a lot more by the whole community, and have a lot more freedom. Children and parents are supposed to have a relationship based on love - but the family is set up as if children were prisoners and parents were their jailers. Parents can take out their frustrations on children because the children can't do anything back. They can't tell anyone, they can't respond, they can't even get away. Parents aren't even told they shouldn't do it. Instead they're told they need to discipline, control, and punish to be good parents. With the family set up this way, it's no wonder there's so much abuse.

if you asked a politician or a priest why they thought the family was so good for society, they'd probably say something like this - it teaches you respect, that sometimes you have to do what you're told, that people in authority probably know what's best for you, and so on. These are the values people are supposed to have in society, because most people live their lives being told what to do. This is pretty obvious in jail. But it's also true at school, at work, or on the dole. A small number of people have power over everyone else. And naturally they'd like to keep their power. So it's in their interests that people are trained from birth to do what they're told.

In other words, that the family stays as it is, even though so many people have to suffer the horrible pain of child abuse. Even though there's so much of the crime they say they want to stop. Even though they deal with victims by putting them in jail.

Not only do the people in power not care about child abuse, they benefit from the main thing that causes it. Politicians can talk about stopping violent crime all they want - they can't and won't do anything about the real causes. We have to stop it in spite of them, by getting rid of the society that causes it.


"GIVE ME YOUR PACKET OF MONSTER MUNCH AND I'LL LET YOU LIVE "
"WAIT! MUMMY SAYS THAT ALL BULLIES ARE COWARDS AT HEART AND WILL RUN AWAY IF YOU STAND UP TO THEM "
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BULLYING
DON'T TAKE IT
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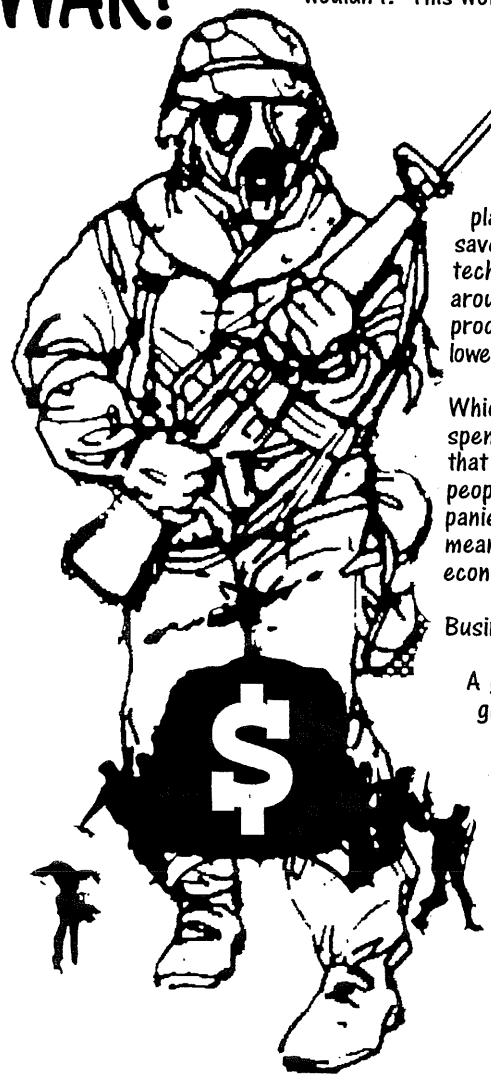
DON'T LET IT HAPPEN
"MY MUMMY IS OBVIOUSLY A LYING BASTARD"

WHO WANTS WAR?

Businesses compete. They need money for research and development to keep their market position. If their rivals spend more, they need to spend more too.

To get this money, businesses can produce more, hoping to sell more, or they can lower expenses.

Say they produce more. There's a limit to how much people will buy. Twice as much soft drink in the shops doesn't make you twice as thirsty. Companies can increase sales by advertising. But advertising mostly convinces people to switch brands; not to buy a product that they otherwise wouldn't. This won't help if many companies have over-produced.



So if companies produce more, they may have more than they can sell. They'll have to use their second option: lowering expenses.

Some expenses, like advertising, can't really be lowered. Some can be lowered slightly, like workplace safety. But the main area where businesses can save money is wages. They can replace people with new technology. They can use 'labor hire' companies to get around minimum wages and conditions. Or they can move production to the poor countries, where wages are much lower.

Whichever they choose, people will have less money to spend. So they'll buy less. But the original problem was that businesses couldn't sell their products. With less people buying, this will get worse. This will mean that companies have to spend even less on wages. And this will mean that people will be spending less still...and so the economy will collapse.

Businesses want to force people to spend money.

A government that said "we're going to tax you and give the money to businesses" wouldn't last very long.

But this is exactly what all governments do. Not many people know how much public money the government gives to businesses. In fact, 'corporate welfare' costs more than unemployment and sickness benefits put together. Over the last decade the Australian government has given away $60 billion. For example Holden got $160 million to build a factory. This figure only includes outright gifts - not loans or tax incentives.

This has some dangers. Firstly, the companies might use the money to skip to another country. When the ernment gave a $6 million grant to King Gee, they used down their Australian operation and start importing

clothes from Indonesia.

But the main danger is that people will find out about it. Most people wouldn't put up with money being used this way, when there's supposed to be no money for health, education, or welfare.

However if people think there's a threat, they'll be happy to have their money taken as tax and given to military companies.

The American government has said that their "war on terrorism" could last longer than World War Two. The Australian government says they'll back them all the way.

This is wonderful news for the people in power. It's not so good for ordinary people.

Money will be spent on weapons instead of schools or hospitals, or instead of people keeping it for themselves. The arms companies will have more money to spend on computers, so the computer companies will have more money to spend on research, so the research companies...and so on. The people who own companies don't need to use public hospitals or send their children to public schools, so cuts to these areas don't effect them.

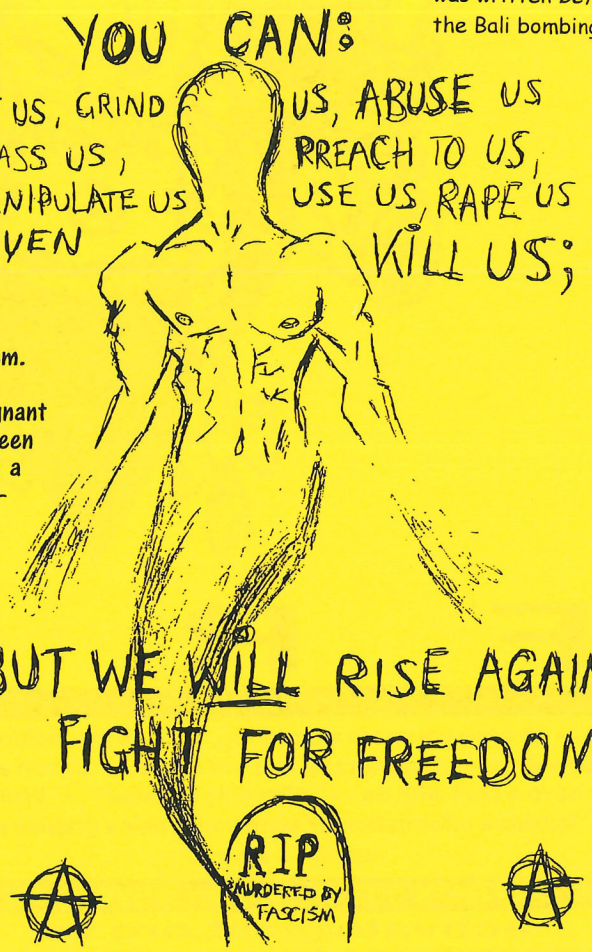
We can expect racial violence. A pregnant Moslem woman in North Melbourne has been attacked and hospitalised. In America a Sikh was mistaken for a Moslem and murdered. In Britain a Moslem taxi driver was beaten and left paralyzed from the waist down and a woman was beaten by two men with baseball bats. With treatment like this, how long until there are attacks on white people? However this isn't going to effect the people in power. How many racist attacks happen in Brighton? In fact it benefits them. People will be fighting each other, not the people in power.

And in war, people die. Foreign Minister John Downer has already admitted that the government's policy has made Australia more likely to be a terrorist target.* However many soldiers or civilians die, the people who own companies won't be among them. They never join the army or get conscripted, nor do they have to compromise their personal safety.

The 'free market' needs war to survive. Some people said that bombing Afghanistan (and now it seems probably other countries) was mad or irrational. It will hurt ordinary people, both there and here. But it's not irrational. War is good for the people who make the decision.

As long as we have a 'free market' economy, and as long as a small elite makes decisions in society, there will be war. To stop war, we should get rid of the things that cause it.

* Note: this article was written *before* the Bali bombings...



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